REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in granting a personal interview in this case on March 1, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner, the Applicant and Applicant's representative discussed the present invention and the differences between the present invention and the prior art of record.

Summary of the Response

By the foregoing amendment, new claims 21-39 have been added, and claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-16 and 19-39 are currently pending and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,061,650 to Malkin. It is noted that claims 21-39 have been added, and claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. To the extent the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejections, as follows.

Claims 1 and 9 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claim 1, the Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the prior art discloses or suggests at least the feature of the present invention of "establishing a security association between said home server and said relay server on behalf of said

client" and "decapsulating said packets at said relay server and forwarding said packets to said client," as recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, regarding claim 9, the Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the prior art discloses or suggests at least the feature of the present invention of "establishing a security association between said home server and said client" and "tunneling packets addressed for said client between said home server and said client based on the established security association and said address translation for said client," as recited in claim 9.

For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 1 and 9 are allowable over the cited prior art and request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2-8, 10-16, 19, and 20 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 2-8, 10-16, 19, and 20, the Applicants respectfully submit that as claims 1 and 9 are allowable, claims 2-8, 10-16, 19, and 20, each of which depends from one of allowable claims 1 and 9 are likewise allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 21-39 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Applicants submit that new claims 21-39 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner issue the same in a U.S. patent.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending recite patentable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal

of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly

solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this

application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned

representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants

hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with

this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter

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